

1999 CATTLE, MILK, AND HOG HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE

Cattle marketings, during 1999, totaled 37.7 million pounds, live weight. The 6 percent decrease in marketings from 1998 was the result of lighter animals shipped to market because of the prolonged dry conditions. Exports, which accounted for about three-quarters of all cattle marketed, increased 27 percent from 1998 to 56,000 head. The majority of animals exported were calves weighing less than 500 pounds. Local commercial slaughter declined 4 percent to 17,500 head. The annual average price for all cattle and calves increased to \$44.10 per hundredweight due in part to a larger proportion of exported cattle and calves at higher average prices. Cash receipts for 1999 totaled \$16.6 million, a decrease of 2 percent from 1998. The inventory of cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches totaled 164,000 head on January 1, 2000. This was 5 percent and 9 percent below the January 1 inventory for 1999 and 1998, respectively. The island of Hawaii, which accounts for nearly 70 percent of the State's total, recorded a 5 percent drop in inventory to 114,400 head. The prolonged dry conditions was the principal reason for the smaller inventory.

MILK

Hawaii's dairy cows produced 119.7 million pounds of milk in 1999, compared with 129.0 million pounds in 1998 and the lowest amount in 39 years. Milk receipts to farmers totaled \$31.2 million, 6 percent less than 1998. The average price for milk delivered to the processors reached a record \$26.46 per hundredweight, a dime more than the previous year. The annual average output per cow was 13,919 pounds, down 575 pounds from 1998. The number of milk cows on hand averaged 8,600 head in 1999, down 300 from the previous year's average, and the fewest in 39 years.

HOGS AND PIGS

The number of hogs marketed and pork production for 1999 were unchanged from 1998 at 35,000 head and 6.3 million pounds, respectively. Cash receipts from the sales of hogs and pigs totaled \$5.1 million, a decrease of 3 percent from 1998. The total number of hogs and pigs in the State on December 1, 1999 was 28,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than during both 1998 and 1997. The island of Oahu, which accounts for almost two-thirds of the State's inventory, had 18,400 head of hogs and pigs on hand.